

House File 549 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 118)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to vaccine administration by licensed
- 2 pharmacists.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 155A.44 Vaccine and immunization
2 administration.

3 1. In accordance with rules adopted by the board, a licensed
4 pharmacist may administer vaccines and immunizations pursuant
5 to this section.

6 2. The board shall adopt rules requiring pharmacists to
7 complete training pursuant to continuing education requirements
8 and establish protocols for the review of prescriptions and
9 administration of vaccines and immunizations. The rules shall
10 allow a licensed pharmacist who has completed the required
11 training to administer vaccines and immunizations in accordance
12 with the rules of the board and shall include the United States
13 centers for disease control and prevention's protocol for the
14 administration of the vaccinations and immunizations.

15 3. Prior to the administration of a vaccination or
16 immunization authorized by subsection 4, paragraph "b",
17 subparagraphs (2) through (4), pursuant to the required
18 protocols, a licensed pharmacist shall consult and review the
19 statewide immunization registry or health information network.
20 The board shall adopt rules requiring the reporting of the
21 administration of vaccines and immunizations authorized by
22 subsection 4, paragraph "b", subparagraphs (2) through (4), to
23 a patient's primary health care provider, primary physician,
24 and a statewide immunization registry or health information
25 network.

26 4. A licensed pharmacist shall only administer the
27 following vaccines and immunizations to the designated age
28 categories:

29 a. Vaccination and immunization of patients ages six
30 years through seventeen years shall be limited to vaccines or
31 immunizations for influenza and other emergency immunizations
32 or vaccines in response to a public health emergency.

33 b. Patients ages eighteen years and older may receive
34 a vaccination or immunization administered by a licensed
35 pharmacist for any of the following:

1 (1) An immunization or vaccination described in paragraph
2 "a", including all forms of the influenza vaccine.

3 (2) An immunization or vaccination recommended by the
4 United States centers for disease control and prevention
5 advisory committee on immunization practices in its approved
6 vaccination schedule for adults.

7 (3) An immunization or vaccine recommended by the United
8 States centers for disease control and prevention for
9 international travel.

10 (4) A Tdap (tetanus, diptheria, acellular pertussis)
11 vaccination in a booster application.

12 EXPLANATION

13 This bill allows licensed pharmacists to administer vaccines
14 and immunizations. The bill provides that the board of
15 pharmacy must adopt rules requiring pharmacists to complete
16 training pursuant to continuing education requirements and
17 establish protocols for the review of prescriptions and
18 administration of vaccines and immunizations. The rules
19 shall allow a licensed pharmacist who has completed required
20 training to administer vaccines and immunizations as provided
21 by rule and the United States centers for disease control and
22 prevention's (CDC) protocol.

23 A licensed pharmacist allowed to administer vaccines
24 and immunizations under the bill is limited to specific
25 vaccines and immunizations for certain age groups. A licensed
26 pharmacist may administer vaccines or immunizations for
27 influenza and emergency immunizations or vaccines in response
28 to a public health emergency for patients aged 6 years through
29 17 years.

30 A patient aged 18 years or older may receive an immunization
31 or vaccine from a licensed pharmacist for influenza or Tdap,
32 a vaccine or immunization in response to a public health
33 emergency, an immunization or vaccine recommended by the CDC
34 advisory committee on immunization practices in its approved
35 vaccination schedule for adults, or vaccines and immunizations

1 recommended by the CDC for international travel. The bill
2 requires a pharmacist administering an immunization or
3 vaccination recommended by the CDC advisory committee in its
4 approved vaccination schedule for adults, an immunization or
5 vaccination recommended by the CDC for international travel,
6 or a Tdap vaccination to an adult pursuant to the bill to
7 consult and review the statewide immunization registry or
8 health information network prior to administering the vaccine
9 or immunization. The bill also requires the board to adopt
10 rules requiring a pharmacist administering an immunization or
11 vaccination recommended by the CDC advisory committee in its
12 approved vaccination schedule for adults, an immunization or
13 vaccination recommended by the CDC for international travel,
14 or a Tdap vaccination to an adult pursuant to the bill to
15 report to the patient's primary health care provider, primary
16 physician, and a statewide immunization registry or health
17 information network.